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Subj: POLICY FOR ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF SERVICE CRAFT,  
COMBATANT CRAFT AND BOATS IN THE U.S. NAVY

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5030.8C  
(b) SECNAVINST 5400.15D  
(c) DoDI 5000.02  
(d) SECNAVINST 5000.2F  
(e) SECNAVINST 5200.45  
(f) OPNAVINST 4790.4F  
(g) Naval Ships' Technical Manual  
(h) COMUSFLTFORCOMINST 4790.3 Rev. D  
(i) OPNAVINST 4730.5R  
(j) 10 U.S.C. §7304  
(k) OPNAVINST 4770.5J  
(l) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1990, Article 1162  
(m) OPNAVINST 1700.16B  
(n) Virtual SYSCOM Joint Instruction VS-JI-22A, Virtual SYSCOM Engineering and Technical Authority Policy of 31 Jan 2007 (NOTAL)  
(o) NAVSEA ltr Ser 05B2/023 of 21 May 2014 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Overhaul Cycles for Active Service Craft  
(2) Overhaul Cycles for Active Combatant Craft and Boats

1. Purpose.

a. To set forth policy and responsibilities for Service craft, Combatant craft and Boats (SC and B), to include allowance establishment, acquisition, life cycle management, property management, inventory management, inspections, maintenance, repair, overhaul, modernization, logistics, final disposition, funding support and financial reporting.

b. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

c. To provide basic references for the execution of responsibilities.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 4780.6F.

### 3. Scope and Applicability.

a. This instruction applies to all equipment categorized as service craft and combatant craft in reference (a) and all boats, except for watercraft operated by Naval Special Warfare.

Note: This “note” provides a “boats” definition section for completeness during the transition of reference (a). Navy boats are self-powered waterborne craft, not specifically designed as combatant craft, which range from small outboard engine powered utility boats to large non-commissioned watercraft (e.g., range support craft), are suitable primarily to be carried aboard ships and to operate in and around naval activities or other safe haven. Large boats are a subcategory of boat with lengths of 85 feet and greater.

b. This instruction applies to ancillary equipment utilized exclusively for transport and storage of SC and B (i.e., trailers and cradles), but excludes equipment associated with permanent shipboard stowage (e.g., shipboard davits).

### 4. Policy.

a. SC and B are centrally managed general equipment purchased and supported by appropriated funds to fulfill validated operational requirements per references (b) through (d). Table 1 aligns management functions with the SC and B.

SC and B Type	Central Manager	Program Office	APSR	LCM System
Service Craft	NAVSEA	PEO Ships, PMS325	Navy ERP	CBSS
Landing Craft Air Cushion	NAVSEA	PEO Ships, PMS377	Navy ERP	CBSS
Landing Craft Utility	NAVSEA	PEO Ships, PMS377	Navy ERP	CBSS
Patrol Boats	NAVSEA	PEO Ships, PMS325	Navy ERP	CBSS
Logistics Over the Shore Platforms	NAVFAC	NAVFAC ExPO	Navy ERP	Navy ERP
Maritime Prepositioning Force Utility Boat (MPF UB)	NAVFAC	NAVFAC ExPO	Navy ERP	Navy ERP
MPF UB (Reserve Force training boats)	RESFOR	NAVFAC ExPO	DPAS	CBSS
Ship's Boats	NAVSEA	PEO Ships, PMS325	Navy ERP	CBSS
Shore based Boats	NAVSEA	PEO Ships, PMS325	Navy ERP	CBSS

Table 1. Management Functions for Service Craft, Combatant Craft and Boats

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APSR - Accountable Property System of Record  
CBSS - Craft and Boat Support System  
Navy ERP - Navy Enterprise Resource Planning  
DPAS - Defense Property Accountability System  
LCM - Life Cycle Management

b. SC and B will be assigned unique official hull registry numbers and will be categorized in the Craft and Boat Support System (CBSS) per reference (a) with data aggregated from authoritative data sources.

c. SC and B are assigned to the user command or activity, also referred to as the custodian. An increase in service craft, combatant craft or boats is not justification for an increase in personnel. Prior to submitting a request for additional service craft, combatant craft or boats, sufficient billets and funds to man and maintain them will already be established or established separately.

d. The tables of allowance requirement (or applicable requirements document) for SC and B includes the quantity needed to support the required operational availability ( $A_o$ ). Allowance requirement should include and factor any additional SC and B needed to sustain operational tasking while planned maintenance, repair and overhaul is completed on service craft, combatant craft or boats that were previously in-service.

e. Annual physical inventories are accomplished for SC and B including evidentiary documentation to support the inventory requirements per reference (e).

f. Proper SC and B maintenance is the responsibility of each user command. Each user command must establish a maintenance program following policies and procedures per reference (f), ensuring organizational-level and intermediate-level maintenance is scheduled and performed with costs documented and records traceable to each SC and B by official hull registry number. SC or B that are determined beyond economical repair resulting from inadequate maintenance, pilfering or cannibalization, must not be replaced unless the criteria established per reference (g) is met.

g. Reutilization of SC and B with remaining useful life should be considered as the first source of supply to fill valid operational requirements per reference (e).

h. When a service craft must be permanently modified or reconfigured to perform a mission for which it was not originally designed or intended, the service craft must be reclassified. Service craft must not be modified to perform other than the intended mission without approval from the CNO via the appropriate Resource Sponsor.

i. For units with a Coordinated Shipboard Allowance List (COSAL), the COSAL must be kept up to date throughout the life cycle of all SC and B, including, but not limited to, the processing of Fleet COSAL Feedback Reports, obsolescence and updates required as a result of configuration changes accomplished by authorized alterations.

j. The modernization and modification of SC and B is governed by the applicable alteration processes established by references (b) and (g) and are managed and authorized by the respective program office, PMS 325 or 377.

k. Overhauls must be accomplished per reference (h). Active service craft will be scheduled for regular overhaul (ROH) with the intervals stipulated per enclosure (1). Active combatant craft and boats will be scheduled for ROH with the interval stipulated in enclosure (2).

l. Service craft material inspections will be conducted per reference (i) and as required by reference (j). SC and B material inspections will be conducted by President Board of Inspection and Survey (PRESINSURV) unless delegated by PRESINSURV to a board authority commander. All material inspection discrepancies reported will be corrected within one calendar year from the date of the inspection report. Discrepancies affecting the safe operation of the craft will be corrected immediately. Corrected discrepancies will be reported to the PRESINSURV.

m. Acceptance trials, as required, will be conducted by PRESINSURV, unless delegated by PRESINSURV to a board authority commander, on service craft and on two specific Classes of combatant craft: Landing Craft, Air Cushion and Landing Craft, Utility.

n. Former Navy service craft, including those owned or previously owned by private and public agencies, will not be accepted into inventory unless PRESINSURV or a board authority commander delegated by PRESINSURV, finds the craft fit for Navy service.

o. SC and B that are determined not to be fit for purpose or in excess of the established tables of allowance or both, will be promptly turned in by the custodian and will not be carried by any other ship or craft, except as cargo. SC and B disposition procedures established by reference (b), reference (g) and the cognizant Program Office must be followed, including the service craft requirements in references (j) and (k).

p. SC and B are for official purposes and will not be used for recreational activities, social events or activities undertaken for personal benefit. When personally authorized by the officer to whom assigned, SC and B may be used for hosting events that enhance the mission of the command. Examples of authorized uses include hosting promotion, frocking, re-enlistment and retirement ceremonies; U.S. and foreign visitors in support of diplomatic and community relation goals; gatherings to present awards or other forms of professional recognition (e.g., a commander hosting members of his or her command in recognition of superior performance); gatherings hosted by a commander to discuss official business and which enhance the professional

relationship between the commander and subordinates; or events that otherwise further important Department of the Navy (DON), Department of Defense or joint service interests. Wearing of military uniforms is not a requirement, but is a factor in determining whether use of a SC and B serves an official purpose. Such uses must not interfere with operational requirements. Commanders and commanding officers will exercise sound judgment when authorizing use of SC and B for such events. The introduction, possession or use of alcoholic beverages aboard SC and B will comply with the policies per references (l) and (m).

q. Admiral's barges are categorized as boats and are assigned to flag officers. Allocations will be authorized by the appropriate resource sponsor within OPNAV.

## 5. Responsibilities.

a. OPNAV Resource Sponsors. Validate and approve activity mission requirements, table of allowances for all user commands for service craft and combatant craft, as well as for afloat user commands for boats. Resource requirements from acquisition through disposal. Grant waivers for any uncorrected starred deficiencies identified by PREINSURV during acceptance trials, unless otherwise delegated.

b. Acquisition Commands. Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEASYS COM) Execute technical authority policy per reference (n). Technical authority for SC and B has been assigned by SEA 05 to the Surface Ship Design and Systems Engineering Group (SEA 05D) per reference (o). Engineering agents are assigned by NAVSEASYS COM Naval Systems Engineering Directorate.

c. Program Executive Office (PEO), Ships (PMS325 and PMS377) and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC\*).

(1) Acquire SC and B for all Navy user commands and activities per established OPNAV requirements, unless otherwise delegated. Retain accountable ownership of all SC and B from receipt into the centrally managed inventory through disposal.

(2) For service craft, act as ship program manager, planning yard, life cycle engineering manager and in-service engineering agent, unless otherwise delegated.

(3) Act as life cycle manager as assigned by memorandum of agreement or other official correspondence (e.g., memorandum of understanding, charter, etc.) and funded by OPNAV resource sponsor, supporting commanders or user commands.

(4) Approve delivery acceptance of SC and B into the Navy inventory.

(5) Develop and submit funding requirements for validated mission requirements for acquisition and modernization to the applicable OPNAV Resource Sponsor.

(6) Appoint and oversee the Boat Inventory Manager (BIM). The BIM is the accountable owner and personal property manager of all funded assets. The BIM issues assigned assets to custodian activities to fill authorized allowances.

(7) PMS325 must develop and maintain the CBSS, which is the authoritative management system and database for individual SC and B under its cognizance. CBSS contains life cycle record data such as acceptance, custody assignment, configuration management, condition history, material inspection and inventory status through ultimate removal from the Navy inventory.

Note: NAVFAC may utilize other authoritative data management resources (NAVFAC must develop, maintain and provide data from the Navy ERP).

(8) Develop and execute strike, custody transfer and disposition procedures for service craft.

(9) Approve all custody transfers for service craft as well as submissions to OPNAV for service craft reclassification.

(10) Develop and execute procedures for establishment of or change to allowance, as well as custody transfer and disposition procedures.

(11) Establish and execute service craft, combatant craft and boat modernization and modification programs and procedures.

Note: NAVFAC executes 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11.

d. Naval Surface Warfare Centers.

(1) Ensure all SC and B are properly reported in the APSR with accompanying values and key supporting documentation.

(2) Perform duties as assigned by SEA 05D, NAVFAC, PMS377 and PMS325.

e. Supporting Commands (i.e., type commanders, system commanders, budget submitting offices or program offices other than PMS377 or PMS325).

(1) Develop and submit funding requirements for, as well as fund, the operation, maintenance, repair, overhaul, ancillary equipment replacement and modernization of SC and B assigned to their subordinate activities.

(2) Supporting commands are authorized to effect temporary reassignments within their commands. Supporting commands can authorize a specific ship (custodian) to carry fewer

combatant craft or boats than the table of allowance requirement on a temporary basis provided adequate combatant craft or boats remain aboard to ensure mission capability and safety of life at sea.

f. User Commands.

(1) Execute custodial accountability, administration, operation, manning, training, safety, security, development and submission of maintenance requirements budgets, maintenance, warranty claims, stocking and replacement of repair parts for assigned SC and B. A user command or activity without an identified OPNAV resource sponsor or supporting commands bears the funding responsibility for assigned SC and B.

(2) Develop mission requirements for SC and B and validate mission requirements through the chain of command. Procedures for user command to generate new requirements for service craft or combatant craft are found in reference (c) and (h).

(3) Upon receipt of assigned service craft, combatant craft or boats support shipment unloading, assembly, de-preservation and start up, as required. Receiving custodian promptly forward receipt documentation to the designated Accountable Property Officer in support of the requirements of reference (e). The (receiving agent) Local Accountable Property Officer will forward the receipt documentation to the BIM office or NAVFAC promptly for entry into CBSS.

(4) Establish SC and B maintenance and overhaul programs following the policies and procedure in reference (f) and enclosures (1) and (2) of this instruction.

(5) Obtain authorization from NAVFAC, PMS377 or PMS325, as appropriate, prior to making permanent modifications to SC and B.

(6) Request service craft strike and disposition of SC and B via the chain of command and using the procedures developed by NAVFAC, PMS377 and PMS325.

(7) Upon formal authorization, execute disposition of SC and B, including applicable turn in preparation, hazardous material testing and removal, demilitarization, preservation, shipment preparation and loading and transportation, as applicable. Provide service craft, combatant craft and boat disposition shipping and receipt documentation, accomplish inventories and facilitate location audits in support of the requirements of reference (e).

(8) Identify funding to return a service craft, combatant craft or boat to ready-for-issue condition if, during receipt inspection, NAVFAC, PMS377 or PMS325 determine the service craft, combatant craft or boat was not maintained properly.

Note: These responsibilities and the responsibility for maintaining SC and B are terminated only upon authorized reassignment or completion of disposition.

6. Records Management.

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, OPNAV N9I will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

8. Information Management Control. The reporting requirements contained in this directive are exempt from reports control by SECNAV M-5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, subparagraph 7k.



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OVERHAUL CYCLES FOR ACTIVE SERVICE CRAFT

1. ROH cycles for service craft other than berthing and messing barges are as follows:

<u>Service Craft type</u>	<u>ROH Interval</u>
Self-propelled	6 years
Non-self-propelled with machinery	8 years
Non-self-propelled without machinery	10 years

2. ROH cycles for berthing and messing barges are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interval</u>
Refurbish or renovate	5 years
ROH	10 years

3. Docking Service Craft Overhaul for Floating Dry Dock overhauls are conducted IAW OPNAVLTR 4700.
4. Any waiver from standard ROH cycles (e.g., locality dependent, hull conditions, etc.) will be submitted to PMS325 via the User Command's chain of command.
5. Supporting commanders should develop and implement a program to assure adequate organizational and intermediate maintenance during the operating cycle.

OVERHAUL CYCLES FOR ACTIVE COMBATANT CRAFT AND BOATS

1. ROH cycles for combatant craft and boats are delineated in Naval Ships' Technical Manual (NSTM). NSTM chapter 583, "Boats and Small Craft" requires an overhaul or reset at or near the midpoint in the expected useful life.
2. Support commanders will develop and implement a program to assure adequate organizational and intermediate maintenance during the operating cycle per the custodian responsibilities in NSTM paragraph 583-1.5.1.4 and 583-1.7.1.